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don't feel that DEQ is doing their job even though they have the regulations. And the reason I say that, I have a confinement operation in my district that is operating without a permit. DEQ knows they don't have a permit and they have extended their operation till May without a permit. We had a large fish kill on the Loup River last year in October. DEQ is well-aware of this and, to my knowledge, they have done nothing about this. It's a big money operation and they're dragging their feet. Everybody else knows what happened out there, and DEQ was informed and they're not doing anything. I think maybe it's time with this body that we take a good look at what DEQ is doing and maybe save the taxpayers some dollars and get rid of DEQ and put it under Water Resources. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Senator Schrock, you're next.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President, members of the Legislature, well, Senator Schmitt's a little tough to follow there. I've been defending DEQ and we passed LB 1209 last year and we're probably going to pass LB 870 this year, which will be kind of a clean-up bill to 1209. I think if a new facility wants to locate and apply waste from their facility in one of these watersheds, that's somewhat hypothetical, because you don't transport that waste very far without getting into a lot of money. So, from that standpoint, I think this should be left up to DEQ because they do have standards, they have rules and regulations as to how it can be applied and to the rate. And so I'm going to oppose this amendment. I just don't think it's necessary because I don't think we're going to see this type of activity take place in any large part anyway. At some point in time, we've got to recognize that we have had a lot of livestock facilities in the state without much degradation to our stream and I just don't think this amendment's necessary at this time. So that will conclude my remarks.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Bohlke, you're next.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Madam President and members, I know there are a lot of people not here on the floor and I'm afraid we're going to come in and people are just going to automatically vote